

Legal Notice

Block Mountain Slate and Stone (BMS) operates eight rock quarry sites in northwestern Montana under Operating Permit No. 00185. BMS has requested a partial bond release for the completed reclamation of one site (Kuester) located in Sanders County. This partial bond release is being requested for a site where reclamation has been fully completed for a single quarry site. The site is composed of approximately three acres. DEQ has inspected the site and has determined the bond reduction based on completed reclamation is warranted. Therefore, DEQ is proposing a partial bond release of \$4,679. DEQ currently holds bond in the amount of \$80,496.

Pursuant to Section 82-4-335, Montana Code Annotated (MCA), DEQ may not release or decrease a bond until the public has been provided an opportunity for a hearing and a hearing has been held as requested. Requests for a hearing, comments on the proposed bond release, or requests for additional information should be sent to: Department of Environmental Quality, Hard Rock Mining Bureau, P. O. Box 200901, 1520 E. Sixth Ave., Helena, MT 59620-0901, or by contacting Herb Rolfes at (406) 444-3841 or rolfes@mt.gov. Requests for a hearing and comments must be received by October 27, 2020.